



*BUREAU OF THE ASSEMBLY*

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## To the Members of the Assembly

### Synopsis of the meeting held in Strasbourg on 22 April 2018

The Bureau of the Assembly, meeting on Sunday 22 April 2018 in Strasbourg with Mr Michele Nicoletti, President of the Assembly, in the Chair, as regards:

- **Independent external investigation body on the allegations of corruption within the Assembly:** received the report of the Investigation body and held an exchange of views *in camera* with its members:
  - Sir Nicolas Bratza (United Kingdom), former President of the European Court of Human Rights
  - Mr Jean-Louis Bruguière (France), former judge in charge of investigations in particular on cases related to terrorism, expert with international organisations and states on anti-terrorism issues
  - Ms Elisabet Fura (Sweden), former parliamentary Ombudsman of Sweden, former Judge at the European Court of Human Rights
- **Actions by the Bureau in response to the report of the investigation body:** held a discussion and decided to:
  - invite the current and former members of the Assembly whose behavior has been found by the investigation body as unethical or in violation of the Assembly's code of conduct, or who have refused to co-operate with the investigation body, to suspend all their activities within the Assembly with immediate effect;
  - invite the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs to consider further possible actions;
  - invite the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs to ensure proper follow-up to the recommendations for the Assembly's ethical framework made in the report;
- **Date and place of the next meeting:** Monday 23 April 2018, Strasbourg, at 8.00 am.

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